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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A pipelayer comprising:
an undercarriage;
an upper revolving superstructure mounted on the
undercarriage so as to turn around freely upon the undercarriage;
5 a boom supported by the upper revolving superstructure so as
to be freely raised and lowered;
a pulley block attached to the boom through a universal
joint;
a hoist mounted on the upper revolving superstructure; and
10 a hoisting accessory hung by a wire rope that is paid out
from the hoist and wound around the pulley block.

2. (Currently Amended) The pipelayer according to claim 1,
wherein ~~the~~ a fulcrum of the boom relative to the upper revolving
superstructure is located in front of an operator's seat
installed in the upper revolving superstructure.

3. (Currently Amended) The pipelayer according to claim 1,
wherein the boom ~~is of~~ has a single tubular-box-type structure.

4. (Currently Amended) The pipelayer according to claim 3,
wherein ~~the~~ a fulcrum of the boom relative to the upper revolving

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superstructure is located in front of an operator's seat installed in the upper revolving superstructure.

5. (Currently Amended) The pipelayer according to claim 1, wherein a derricking system for the boom raises ~~or~~ and lowers the boom through expansion and contraction of hydraulic cylinders.

6. (Currently Amended) The pipelayer according to claim 1, wherein a path for the wire rope is ~~disposed~~ provided on a side of an operator's seat installed in the upper revolving superstructure.

7. (Currently Amended) The pipelayer according to claim 6, ~~wherein further comprising~~ guide sheaves for guiding the wire rope which are ~~disposed~~ provided on a side of the operator's seat.

8. (New) The pipelayer according to claim 1, wherein the hoist is provided at a rear end of the upper revolving superstructure.